

City Council
Study Session Summary
July 25, 2017
City Council Chambers
749 Main Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 749 Main St., Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Dennis Maloney
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Heather Balser, Deputy City Manager
Beth Barrett, Library Director
Bridget Bacon, Historical Museum Coordinator
Dawn Burgess, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Members of Public

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Muckle

Presentation – Museum Conceptual Plan Update

Mayor Muckle asked Mike Roybal, Ron Roybal and Trevor Hill of Roybal Corporation Architects to present conceptual design for the Historical Museum and Visitor Center. They followed guiding principles of the Historic Preservation Masterplan, Museum Campus Master Plan, Downtown Design handbook and Municipal Code.

Mike Roybal showed examples of how other cities have dealt with additions to historic structures. One guiding principle of Roybal's design was to make sure the campus is ADA accessible so people could circulate without any obstructions. They tried to use visual cues from what was in the location originally.

They tabulated functions for the campus's program to make sure the design would meet the requisites of the project. Mr. Roybal reviewed the concept plans

included in the packet. The suggested entry is on the north so as not to lose space which would be required for a ramp if the entry was on Main Street. The floor plan of all schemes are the same. The idea was to have flexible space.

For scheme 1, the screen wall provides filtered light to offices. Scheme 2 took cues from architecture from historic Louisville. Scheme 3 was more contemporary with more glass including a balcony on the front.

Based on feedback, they added scheme 4 which could include rustic/reclaimed horizontal wood siding, adding façade insets to represent window impression and designing a western storefront façade.

Mr. Roybal asked for feedback. Council member Loo asked about storage in the basement. It appears to her that there is not enough and she would like temperature controlled storage for the future. Roybal replied that compact shelving, a system on tracks is recommended, stacking together maximizing storage. It is for archival storage. The basement has 1200 sq ft less the square footage for elevator and stairs. The basement can be expanded but he tried to keep within the footprint of the building. He believes the Spacesaver storage will be sufficient. He will consult with staff to determine needs. Ron Roybal said they are looking at electronic processes that allow people to access information that does not need to be displayed. Does the Master Plan address what the storage need is? Current space limitations and the Museum's scope statement limit the size of most donations. Most are small. Beth has worked with compact storage in the past and said it is amazing. She agrees the design must have an adequate amount of storage but this is just a conceptual plan.

ADA access was discussed. The front entry on the north allows all of the meet-and-greet to be located at that area. Other doors would be for alarmed exit. Council member Loo feels a door on Main Street would enhance the vitality. Ron Roybal said having the door on the north allows people to discover there is a bigger campus to explore.

Council member Loo finds screening on windows problematic from nesting birds and hard to clean the windows. She likes the balcony overlooking Main Street

Council member Maloney asked about scheme 4 – was that a nod to historic influences? Roybal said it related to historic side, offering more rustic materials and the western façade.

Mayor Muckle said the door on Main St vs. north is an ADA issue, an operational issue. He likes the north door because of lack of ramp and drawing into the campus. He is reluctant about attaching the new building to the Jacoe store. He likes scheme 4 with symmetric windows. He appreciates the historic materials.

Council member Stolzmann appreciated they took public feedback and tried to incorporate them. She agrees with Council member Loo about birds nesting. She asked why can't the design can't include a zero entry on a new building. Roybal said the Jacoe building has 21 inches of height (3 steps) which necessitates a ramping system. He continued that the Jacoe store and new building do not have to have the same level on the first floor, but if they did not they would not be connected. ADA was strong desire. Roybal said it would be hard to have one staff member monitor Jacoe and the new building The new building can be a different level but continuity would be lost. The desire was to have the buildings contiguous. Council member Stolzmann has gotten a lot of comments about lack of door on Main St. She would like serious consideration to door on Main St. . Roof pitch was discussed. Other feedback: if different building style, perhaps not have it lined up with other buildings; perhaps set it back. Council member Stolzmann also asked that the sign be painted on the building instead of a marquee sign.

Council member Lipton believes it is an efficiently designed building. If it were private, he does not know that Council would be accepting of it. He shares Council member Stolzmann concern about the sign.

Library Director Barrett agrees there will be limited staffing and has security concerns. The design has good line of sight to the Jacoe from the new building.

Tammy Lastoka is on the Library Foundation. She agrees with storage issue and advocates for more storage. She likes scheme 4. Wants to keep the old school look but it is more important to her to have a place where things can be showcased.

Deb Fahey agrees about storage and entry should be on Main St. She believes the sign should clarify if it is mainly a museum or visitor center.

Adjourn to Special Meeting 7:57 pm

*Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
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